

In conclusion, we can assure Dr. Müller that no Briton's feelings will be hurt by his letter.

E. L. S.]

Rewards for Mountaineering Feats.

To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—A little while ago my attention was called to certain reports, which even appear to have found their way into the Press, to the effect that German official quarters or mountaineering organizations were promising monetary rewards to German mountaineers who performed special feats in the Alps (or other mountain ranges for that matter), notably for the first ascent of the north wall of the Grandes Jorasses by a German party. As these rumours seemed to be rather widespread, even amongst responsible mountaineering quarters in this country, I felt it my duty to make careful inquiries to find out what truth there was in them. As the result of my inquiries I am now happily in the position to inform you that there is no truth whatever in these reports and that neither the German Government nor the D.u.Oe.A.-V., nor any other mountaineering organization in Germany, have ever made such promises, and that such a procedure would indeed be looked upon by those responsible for the maintenance of German mountaineering as a grave violation of the spirit of true Alpinism. I have the assurance from Herr Paul Bauer, who at present holds a position of extreme responsibility in the German mountaineering world, that, if ever such tendencies came to his notice he would immediately put his foot down on them.

I thought this might interest you, and would be grateful if you could give it such publicity as you think fit to do in view of the gravity of the allegations.

I am, etc.,

A. H. VAN SCHERPENBERG.

DEUTSCHE BOTSCHAFT,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
February 7, 1935.

[We are very pleased to publish our member's interesting letter.—
Editor, A.J.]

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, October 30, 1934, at 8.30 P.M., Sir John J. Withers, C.B.E., LL.D., M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Messrs. L. V. Bryant, E. S. G. de la Motte, Dr. Oskar A. N. Hug, Gerald E. H. Palmer, and F. C. Sharp.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of the following Members, namely, H. C. Baker, elected 1891; The Rev. Canon H. Sinclair Brooke, elected 1907; F. N. Ellis, elected 1898; H. Foot, elected

1909 ; Dr. D. H. Koetser, elected 1925 ; C. W. Mead, elected 1887 ; Willy Merkl, elected 1934 ; and R. G. Tatton, elected 1885.

Wing-Commander E. B. BEAUMAN then read a Paper entitled 'A Crossing of the Coast Range of British Columbia,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Sir Norman J. Watson, Bt., and Mr. L. S. Amery, M.P., contributed to the discussion, and a hearty vote of thanks to the reader of the Paper ended the proceedings.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Monday, December 10, 1934. The *President*, Sir John J. Withers, took the Chair at 8.15 p.m., and announced that, in view of the Ballot for the election of Elective Members of Committee he would adjourn the Meeting for a quarter of an hour.

At 8.30 p.m. the *President* again took the Chair, and announced :

- (1) That the following had been balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Dr. James Dawson, F.R.C.S.E., Mr. Arthur B. Emmons 3rd, Dr. G. Graham Macphee, Ch.B., L.D.S., and Mr. Charles W. Parry.
- (2) That under the provisions of Rule 29, there being no other candidates, the following Members were elected as officers of the Club for the year 1935 : namely, as President, Colonel E. L. Strutt, C.B.E., D.S.O. ; as Vice-Presidents, Mr. C. F. Meade (re-election) and Mr. Sydney Spencer. As Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. S. Herbert.
- (3) That the result of the Ballot for Elective Members of Committee was as follows :
Re-elected : Messrs. T. Graham Brown, Colin G. Crawford, S. B. Donkin, H. J. Macartney, Philip H. Pilditch and H. R. Roger-Smith.
Elected : Messrs. J. L. Longland, Kenneth Mason and Hugh W. Pasteur.

Mr. J. E. C. EATON proposed that Messrs. H. J. Macartney and H. J. Gait be appointed Auditors to audit the Club accounts for the current year. This was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT mentioned the death of Mr. L. R. Furneaux, who was elected a Member of the club in 1895.

The PRESIDENT then delivered his Valedictory Address. A number of Members afterwards spoke on various subjects, and the proceedings terminated.

The Private View of the Exhibition of Alpine Paintings, and the Club's Annual 'At Home' took place on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 11, 1934. These functions were attended by 430 Members and their friends.

THE ANNUAL WINTER DINNER took place at the Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. 2, on the evening of Tuesday, December 11, at 7.15 p.m. Covers were laid for 298, and the following were the official guests of the Club :

The Austrian Minister, The Norwegian Minister, The Right Hon. The Lord Macmillan of Aberfeldy, Mr. Sydney Lee, R.A., Dr. Eric F. Kessler, Dr. T. G. Longstaff, President of the Climbers' Club, Mr. J. H. Doughty, President of the Rucksack Club, Mr. C. G. Crawford, representing the Wayfarers' Club, Lt.-Col. Sir Eric Holt-Wilson, President of the Ski Club of Great Britain, and Wing-Commander E. B. Beauman, R.A.F., President of the Alpine Ski Club. Mr. K. Ishikawa was also present, representing the Japanese Alpine Club.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 5, 1935, at 8.30 P.M. Col. E. L. Strutt, C.B.E., D.S.O., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Lord David Douglas-Hamilton, Dr. J. W. Healy, Mr. Charles S. Houston and Dr. Karl Wien.

The PRESIDENT read a letter he had received from Brig.-General the Hon. C. G. Bruce, stating that he had investigated the matter of the treatment of the native porters on the 1934 Nanga Parbat Expedition, and that he had found that the rumours imputing inconsiderate treatment were entirely without foundation. Those porters whom General Bruce had interviewed had expressed their entire satisfaction with everything that had been done for them by their employers. An official letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Himalayan Club confirmed General Bruce's statement.

Mention was made of the deaths of Mr. E. B. Harris, elected a Member in 1898, Mr. E. L. Vail, elected a member in 1900, and the Swiss guide, Alois Burgener, who died on November 9, 1934, aged 84.

Professor T. GRAHAM BROWN then gave a lecture on 'The Ascent of Mount Foraker,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Dr. T. G. Longstaff and Mr. G. E. Howard took part in the subsequent discussion, after which the proceedings were closed with the passing of a cordial vote of thanks to Professor T. Graham Brown.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 5, 1935, at 8.30 P.M., Col. E. L. Strutt, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club, namely, Messrs. Brian Kempster Harris and Edward Gaspard Ponsonby.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Mr. T. Fisher Unwin, who was elected a Member of the Club in 1894, and Mr. J. W. Robson, elected in 1903.

Mr. E. E. SHIPTON then read a Paper entitled 'The Nanda Devi Basin,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

Brig.-Gen. The Hon. C. G. BRUCE, Dr. T. G. Longstaff and Mr. C. F. Meade contributed to the discussion which followed, and the proceedings terminated with the passing of a cordial vote of thanks to the reader of the Paper.